To The Senate of Alabama Alabama State House 11 South Union Street Montgomery, AL 36130

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning to you, the body in which it originated, Senate Bill 72, without my signature, but with the following Executive Amendment:

EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT SENATE BILL 72:

Please amend Bill 72, on page 3, line 14, by adding at the end of the sentence, after the word "DROP" the following: "and shall be made no later than the effective date of this act." And, add the following sentence immediately thereafter: "A member must be eligible to participate, as provided above, at the time the application is made."

Please further amend the bill on page 5, line 10, by striking through the following: "(m) No person may begin participation in DROP after April 1, 2011."

Please further amend the bill on page 7, line 15, by adding to the end of the sentence, after the word "DROP" the following: ", and shall be made no later than the effective date of this act." And, add the following sentence immediately thereafter: "A member must be eligible to participate, as provided above, at the time the application is made."

Please further amend the bill on the page 9, line 11, by removing the following: "(m) No person may begin participation in DROP after April 1, 2011."

The adoption of the above suggested Executive Amendment, containing the changes set forth hereinabove, will remove my objections to this bill.

Done this 24th day of March, 2011.

Respectfully,

Robert Bentley Governor

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